

## **ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: September 19, 2014  
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine – Gardiner Annex  
Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine

Meeting Began: 8:15 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Brian McDougal  
Gerard Caron  
Earl Sherwood  
Peter Wilson

The following members were absent:

Don Berry  
Ryan Morgan

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator  
Patrick Ouillette, Senior Electrical Inspector  
Robert LeClair, Manufactured Housing  
Dora Hickey, Board Clerk

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to accept the July 18, 2014 Board minutes, as written.

Motion: Gerard Caron  
Second: Peter Wilson  
Unanimous

### **Adjudicatory Hearings**

#### **Don R. Sajecki – 2014-ELE-10188 - Journeyman License Re-instatement - Expired 8/31/2009**

Don R. Sajecki was not present for his hearing on re-instating his Journeyman License. This is the second time that Mr. Sajecki has not appeared for a scheduled hearing.

A motion was made to postpone the hearing and ask Mr. Sajecki about his interest in pursuing his reinstatement application. Depending on the response, or lack thereof, the Board may abandon Mr. Sajecki's reinstatement application at the next meeting.

Motion: Earl Sherwood  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Unanimous

### **Bruce W. Barrows – 2014-ELE-10263 – Examination Application Denial**

The hearing for Bruce W. Barrows commenced at 8:45 a.m. and closed for deliberation at 9:25 a.m. Bruce Barrows was present and not represented by council.

Bruce Barrows explained his education experience. Mr. Barrows did not testify on his educational experience that would qualify him to site for the master examination aside from what is in his examination application.

A motion was made to uphold the denial to allow Mr. Barrows to sit for the master electrician examination.

Motion: Gerard Caron  
Second: Peter Wilson  
Unanimous

### **Code Course Review**

#### **John A. Bagni/Instructor John A. Bagni – 15-Hour 2014 NEC Update**

Chairman Brian McDougal recommended that John A. Bagni be approved as a provider/instructor for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update. Courses are to be taught in Massachusetts, only.

A motion was made to approve John A. Bagni as a provider and instructor for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update to be taught in Massachusetts, only.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Unanimous

#### **@ Home Prep – A Division of Stautzenberger College – 15-Hour 2014 NEC Update**

Chairman Brian McDougal recommended denying @ Home Prep, with Tom Dorsey, Jr. and Tom Dorsey, Sr. as the instructors for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update. There was not sufficient content submitted by the provider for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update outlining the changes from the 2011 NEC to the 2014 NEC.

A motion was made to deny @ Home Prep and Tom Dorsey, Jr. and Tom Dorsey, Sr. as instructors for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Unanimous

### **@ Your Pace Online – 15-Hour 2014 NEC Update**

Chairman Brian McDougal recommended @ Your Pace Online, with Charles Price as the instructor, to be approved as a provider/instructor for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update.

A motion was made to approve @ Your Pace Online with Charles Price as the instructor for the on-line 15-hour 2014 NEC update.

Motion: Gerard Caron  
Second: Peter Wilson  
Unanimous

### **Robert Cyr/Andrews Continuing Education Schools Virtual Courses**

Chairman Brian McDougal recommended expanding Mr. Cyr's 15-hour 2014 NEC virtual course to include interactive television and an individual remote user. Two separate applications were submitted: 1) Jabber virtual courses, and 2) Tanberg virtual courses.

Mr. McDougal made the following recommendations:

1) Deny Jabber virtual courses for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update due to a lack of logistics that ensures the accountability of the presentation, and 2) approve Tanberg virtual courses for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update through school broadcasting

A motion was made to deny Jabber's virtual courses for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Unanimous

A motion was made to approve Tanberg's virtual courses for the 15-hour 2014 update.

Motion: Gerard Caron  
Second: Peter Wilson  
Unanimous

### **Senior Inspector's Report**

Permit numbers are up even with cell towers, etc. no longer requiring permits.

Many alarm companies are offering wireless systems. Staff is receiving many licensing questions. This is a sensitive topic as licensees are seeing unlicensed competition. Patrick has been asked to sign an affidavit by an attorney representing an alarm company, for whom Patrick answered various licensing questions via e-mail several months ago.

To some degree, utility companies (at least in the northern part of the state) are not replacing retired linemen. Line extensions by private contractors may be an increasing trend. High-voltage service points and Board licensing will be items for discussion.

The quality of electrical installations (more accurately the conscientiousness of some electricians) is deteriorating. Inspectors are hearing things like, "What did you expect me to do?" That's the only type of cable I had in the truck." as a reason for non-compliance with the NEC.

Caribou electrical installations are now the jurisdiction of State Electrical Inspectors. Patrick Ouillette, Senior Inspector surprised an electrical contractor with an after-hours inspection in Caribou on September 11, 2014.

An e-mail from a regional educator asked questions about the \$5000.00 limit for school/student electrical projects. The Board expressed that this dollar amount reflects material costs, only. Nevertheless, the dollar amount may be outdated and could be modified by a statutory change in the near future.

It was brought to the attention of the Senior Inspector that a new law may permit towns to own street lighting, previously owned by the utility. The towns may continue to have the utilities service the luminaires, or the towns could perform their own maintenance. Persons performing the service must be licensed.

The Senior Inspector presented a draft of the exercise of 90.4 (special written permission) with regard to NEC Section 680.25.

This was the Senior Inspector's last Electricians' Examining Board meeting before retiring. The Board voiced their appreciation for the work done by Senior Inspector, Patrick Ouillette.

### **Administrator's Report**

The 2014 Rules were made effective on August 20, 2014.

Administrator, Catherine Carroll is working on a Request for Proposal for examination vendors.

Catherine will suggest changes to the provisions of Chapter 130 subsection 5(B) regarding reinstating licenses that expired more than two years and less than 10 years ago.

### **2013-ELE-9619**

The Senior Inspector advised the Board that the violations have not yet been corrected. Chris Mann suggested modifying the Consent Agreement to specify a timeframe to correct the cited violations, and present the modified agreement to the respondent.

A motion was made to table action on modifying the consent agreement, as suggested, while Mr. Mann contacts the respondent about modifying the consent agreement to reflect a specific timeline to correct the cited violations.

Motion: Earl Sherwood  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Unanimous

## **Other Business**

### **Keith Hillock – Decision and Order**

At the request of Keith Hillock, the Board discussed the requirements regarding the reinstatement of his journeyman license pursuant to a Decision and Order signed by the Board Chairman on May 16, 2014, that was a result of an April hearing on his reinstatement application. The Board noted that the letter detailing the requirements for reinstatement, pursuant to Board policy, was mailed to Mr. Hillock on April 22, 2014 and that the Decision and Order was mailed on May 21 2014. Mr. Hillock is asking the Board to accept his completion of a 2011 45-hour NEC course, and a 15 hour 2014 NEC update, rather than have him complete a 2014 45-hour NEC course as instructed in the Board's April letter to him.

During the discussion, the Board noted that Mr. Hillock completed a 2011 45 hour NEC course in June of 2014 - after receipt of the two above-mentioned letters. The Board also noted that providers were offering the 2014 45-hour NEC course well before the mailing of the reinstatement letter and the Decision and Order. The Board was not willing to allow the reinstatement of Mr. Hillock's journeyman license upon the completion of the 2011 45-hour NEC combined with the 2014 15-hour update. The Board was advised that the staff has given Mr. Hillock an administrative extension until April 18, 2015, to complete the 45-hour NEC.

A motion was made to uphold the original Decision and Order for Mr. Hillock to complete a current 45-hour 2014 NEC.

Motion: Gerard Caron  
Second: Earl Sherwood  
Unanimous

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Motion: Peter Wilson  
Second: Gerard Caron  
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Hickey, Board Clerk